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Hongkong, December 17, 1903. 2547

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1876, the Exchange Bank will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th inst. respectively.

Hongkong, December 22, 1903. 2577
THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that Fire Insurance Offices WILL BE CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th inst. respectively.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 2592

NOTICE.

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THERE is no nicer place to spend a few days in quiet rest than
MACAO.
And there is no more comfortable Hotel in the Far East, than the
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Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 2587

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Hongkong, December 16, 1903. 2541

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Steamer HONAM (weather permitting and sufficient inducement offering) will make a Special Excursion Trip to Macao next SUNDAY, the 27th inst., leaving Hongkong at 9 a.m. and Macao at 9 p.m.

Return Fare \$5.00. Cabins \$5.00 extra. Tickets obtainable on board the Steamer.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 2585

LOST.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1903. 2532

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airy and well-furnished Double and Single
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Splendid View of Harbour.
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Hongkong, June 10, 1903. 97

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Hongkong, May 6, 1903. 983

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Robes, Nets, and Trimmings of Sequin, in Black, Silver, and Colored.

Crope de Chines and Mousseline Voile (the latest for Ball

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Hongkong, November 16, 1903. 1654

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Hongkong, December 11, 1903.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1903.

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its pure ingredients
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system.
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Intimations.

GRAND CHARITABLE BAZAAR
IN AID OF THE
BENEFICENT INSTITUTION
under the Charge of the
CANONIAN SISTERS OF CHARITY,
AT MACAO.
on the
26th and 27th DECEMBER, 1903,
to be held at the
PUBLIC GARDENS, SAN FRANCISCO,
(PRIMA GRANDE).
Admission free from 2 to 5 P.M.
Tickets of admission for the evening,
with the right to a souvenir, \$1.00
Do. without souvenir, 0.25
Do. for children, 0.10
Tickets on sale at the Hotel, on board
Steamers and at the Public Gardens gate.
Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 2586

NOTICE
A MEETING OF HIS MAJESTY'S
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be
held at the MAGISTRACY at 2.15 p.m.,
on TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1903,
for the purpose of considering the follow-
ing application:—
From one JAMES D. M. CAMERON
for the transfer of his Publican's License to
sell and retail intoxicating liquor on the
premises situated at Nos. 40 to 44, Elgin
Road, Kowloon, under the Sign of the
Occidental Hotel, to one RUDOLF MAT-
THEI.
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Magistrate,
Hongkong, December 17, 1903. 2575

ZETLAND LODGE.
No. 525, E.C.
A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND
LODGE will be held at FRANKSON'S
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY,
the 28th December, at 5.30 for 6 p.m. pre-
cisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially
invited to attend.
Hongkong, December 22, 1903. 2578

**HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
SHARPHOLDERS are hereby Notified
that in accordance with the Special
Resolutions passed on 31st October, and
confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they
are entitled on Application to an allotment
of one Share for every two old Shares held
by them. Forms of Application will be sent
to every Shareholder.
The Sum of \$5.00 per Share will be pay-
able on application, on or before the 4th
of January, 1904. Two Months' Notice of
any Calls will be given.
Shareholders desiring of paying on or
before the 4th January, 1904, the whole
Amount payable in respect of their Shares,
can do so, and in such event will receive
fully paid up scrip in Exchange.
The New Issue will rank for Dividend
pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according
to the amount paid on such Shares on 4th
January, 1904.
THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be
CLOSED from 17th December, 1903, to
4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 1, 1903. 2415

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CONNAUGHT HOTEL, Rooms 4 and 5.
Hongkong, September 16, 1903. 1904

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LIJN.**
REGULAR STRAMSHIP LINE FROM
JAVA TO CHINA AND JAPAN,
AND BACK.
THE HEAD AGENCY of the above
Company has been OPENED at No. 3,
DUDELL STREET.
R. BISSCHOP, General Agent.
Hongkong, October 6, 1903. 2056

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WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED**
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WEEK DAYS.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
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Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
Miscellaneous.
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Insurance Offices Close.
Goods per *Coromandel* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
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General Memoranda.
SUNDAY, December 27.—
Goods per *Indra* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
MONDAY, December 28.—
6 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.
FRIDAY, January 1.—
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
TUESDAY, December 29.—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justice of Peace at the Magistracy.
SATURDAY, January 16.—
9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volunteer Corps at City Hall.

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We are told that the celebration of Christmas as a Christian festival dates from the latter half of the second century of our era. In Cromwellian days, it was frowned down as a remnant of Popery, but the Restoration brought it back, and it has never since lost its hold. The season naturally calls upon all races to rest from toil while Nature herself is taking her midwinter sleep, and as the sky and earth complicity, so the accumulation of harvest provides the means. Thus, for numbered centuries before the dawn of our religion, all heathen faiths had sanctioned and enjoined popular rejoicings at the winter solstice, and with the spread of Christianity the time came for Christmas, like Easter, to be claimed and consecrated by the new faith. Students of folklore delight to impress upon us how small a part of ceremonial fails to bear the mark of immemorial old. It would seem as if the heathen in his blindness had providentially, or by some mysterious process of evolution, received preliminary outline sketches of the pictures of faith that were to have their full development in the new era. If this be too much to claim for them (and, needless to say, the suggestion is not offered irreverently), it is at least certain that the fathers of the Church had a keen and kindly eye to the lives and habits of those amongst whom they lived, and a strong determination that nothing should be lost that might be transformed and redirected to higher uses. Robert Browning, in *The Ring and the Book*, makes Pope Innocent XII say:

Self-sacrifice!
What if an idol took it? Ask the Church
Why she was wont to turn each Venus
here—
Poor Rome perversely lingered round,
despite
Instruction, for the sake of purblind love—
Into Madonna's shape, and waste no whit
Of ought so rare on earth as gratitude!

Blind iconoclasm was a plant of much later growth than Apostolic or sub-Apostolic times. Hence we find, even to-day, the observance of Christmas crusted over with a vast amount of sheer heathenism, which once was of its essence, but has now become dominated and subdued to a mere husk round the Christian ideal, which has replaced it as the heart and soul of our Christmas joy. A selfish utilitarianism has been growing up amongst us. It cannot be denied that the dreams and ideals of the more enthusiastic youth of the world are losing their vividness as slaves of the prison-house close round the race century after century.

The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
Little we see in nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!

Some of us who are not too selfish find ourselves too busy to think of Christmas. The marvellous gains of twenty centuries of social and scientific advance in lengthening the average duration of life have been nearly counteracted by the increasing rapidity with which we live. In another fifty years, the electric telegraph will be too slow for our feverish successors, as the course of post was found too slow for our fathers, and the wait of the wind for theirs. As steam had to supersede sail-power, and the wire to supersede steam, the increasing purpose that runs through the ages will relegate to the scrap-heap most of the labour-saving devices we boast now. These devices, indeed, do not economise labour but intensify it. We can send or receive ten letters where our grandfathers could receive or send one, but what profits it when the stress of our business compels us to send or receive twenty for every one that passed sixty years since? To the headlong youth of to-day it seems puerile in their elders to complain of the pace, but the burden that stimulates and gladdens youth has begun to pull on age. Some future Wordsworth may say of these years, as was said by the poet of the early years of the nineteenth century:

Good was it in these days to be alive,
But to be young was very heaven!

But the end of the year brings sad thoughts, as a bitter drop in the cup of joy, to those (and they are many)

who feel it a serious matter to be a year older. Stock-taking is no mere business formality; the mind of man insists at this season on taking stock of its own progress. As a pilgrim pauses by the milestone, and looks oxalantly back over the hills and dales he has traversed, and courageously forward to those that still intervene between him and the homeland, so we all pause now, with a smile through the tear, as Homer has it, to keep our Christmas merry still. The pulpit will impress on us one lesson of the season, and it would scarcely here be even decorous to trench on their province, but there is a lesson that may be drawn even in the Press. Remember that Christmas is everybody else's birthday. Selfishness has been forced on us, by the stress of competition, for three hundred and sixty days, but here we have an opportunity to take something better than merely two Bank Holidays together, we have a chance to enjoy the only unalloyed happiness, that of seeing others happy. It is absolutely essential to the tradition of Christmas that no man may rejoice alone. We must cut the fat and drink the sweet and send a portion to those for whom nothing is prepared. At this time, charitable appeals meet us with renewed force, for it is a fly in the ointment of our joy that any should be wretched. Kindly sympathy goes out now to the uttermost parts of the earth. Love and goodwill abound to our friends, our comrades and our families. Christmas not only widens the scope of our affections but deepens them. Presents endear the absent, while the few, of all we know and love, who are within reach of the smile and the hand-clasp grow doubly dear.

Christmas, is more especially the children's festival. For the Christ-Child's sake, His birthday is the birthday of every little one. All the prettinesses and formalities appeal irresistibly to the poet-mind of a child, the gifts in the stockings, the holly and other festooning overgreens, the toys and the bonbons, the mistletoe bush and even the pudding, are so many new joys for every minute of the day; and it becomes their seniors for once to waste time wisely, to close the counting-house for a day, and gain a dozenfold more riches by laying aside the weary work and rubbing off some of the encrusting mould of the market by the sheer joy of surrounding themselves, for a few hours, with smiling faces. And yet, exultant as we are, we know the mood cannot last. Shadow follows the sunlight. Indeed, were there no shadow, there would be no sunlight either. The time will quickly pass, and every one of us will be back in his place at desk or counting-house, and at work again. But if sorrows leave their scars, shall not hours of joy leave their impress also? The dark days will return soon enough, but the world of toil and sorrow and sin, may cloud but cannot darken the lives of those who love their fellow-men. Meanwhile we can grasp the good thing before us, the day and its privileges; if we do so well and wisely, we shall be cheered by imparting cheerfulness, we shall gain by giving joy; we shall be strengthened for the next stage of our journey by the same gift that we wish to all.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GLAD NEW YEAR!

Court and Fashion.
GOVERNMENT GAOL.
December 24.

Superintendent McCatchky, the Officer Administering the Penitentiary Department, will have high tea early this evening, as Mrs. McCatchky has issued invitations for a cribbage party at 6 p.m.

Mrs. McCatchky visited the Central Market this morning in company with Master Ronald and Miss Elsie McCatchky. The former seemed to be enjoying a bit of Chinese sweetmeat.

This morning Superintendent McCatchky inspected and tested the Christmas skills. He was heard to express an opinion as to the efficacy of a certain patent medicine, and it is hoped that he will feel better to-morrow.

The guests at Government Gaol are looking forward with interest to the coming festivities. A few days in hospital are always welcome.

This afternoon, the Superintendent will be present at a battle of strayed dogs, attended by his Ass. S. and three of the leading inspectors of the Sanitary Board. It is hoped that some junior officers of their staff will also be present.

Subject to reasonable interruptions and stomachic disturbances, the Superintendent's engagements for next week are as follows:

Monday—Attendance in Magistrate's Court at the stocks of a que-meter thief, 12 till 4 a.m., bail in \$50 each being allowed.

Tuesday—Attendance at the coning of a member of the Sanitary Board for criticism—all day.
Wednesday—Brokers' holiday; nothing doing.
Thursday—New Year's Eve; in physics till 7 p.m.
Friday—New Year's Day; head in wet compress.
Saturday—Attendance at ten floggings in arrears.
By THE HARBOR.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
Mr. Davidson, the United States Consul for Formosa, has presented copies of his comprehensive book, *Formosa Past and Present*, to the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Our evening contemporary, the *Hongkong Telegraph*, yesterday produced a highly artistic supplement, having for a subject the new Law Courts. The front elevation of the building is given, as well as a photograph of the Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works. The supplement could not have been produced better in Europe.

*** * To Subscribers.**
There will be no issue of the *China Mail* to-morrow (Christmas Day). There will be an issue on Boxing Day, probably about one o'clock. The Peak delivery, however, will take place at the usual hour.

German Navy Reliefs.
The H.A.L. s.s. *Syria*, with a relief for the German navy stationed in the East, left Colombo on December 22 for Hongkong direct.

A Christmas Story.
On pages 2 and 3 of this issue will be found an interesting Christmas Eve Story, entitled 'A Christmas Eve Tragedy,' by John K. Leys.

Cricket.
The Craigengower C. C. and the Kowloon Depot C. C. will play a match on Saturday next, commencing at 2.15 p.m., on the ground of the former Club.

Christmas Carols.
We are asked by the Rev. Mr. Icely, R.N., to state that Carols will be sung at the service in Kowloon Depot on Sunday next—usual hour.

Christmas Church Services.
The Services in St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Matins and Noy's Communion, 11 a.m. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Peak Church at 8 a.m.

A naval and military Christmas Service in connection with the Wanchai Garrison Church will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, on Friday morning, at a quarter-past ten o'clock. Christmas hymns; visitors invited.

A special service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, on Christmas morning, at 10 o'clock. The offertory will be on behalf of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society. All are cordially invited.

Band at King Edward Hotel.
By kind permission of Major Radcliff and Officers, the Band of the 53rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, to-night, the 24th instant, (Christmas Eve), instead of Friday, as usual:—

March—'The Washington Post'—'Bermuda Selection'—'Reminiscences of Scotland'—Song—'The Flight of Ages'—'Evening Song'—'The Gipsy'—'Sidney Jones Waltz'—'The Blue Danube'—'Strauss Mazurka'—'Slavonic Dance'—'Kuroly Kily'—**GOD SAVE THE KING.**

A Case Behard.
On December 22 at the Magistracy, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Chan Choi, Chan Yan, Wong Sul, Wong Lai and Wong Tung were convicted of being unlawfully in possession of rice, nuts, and peas, and were fined \$100 each, in default three months' imprisonment. Subsequently Mr. G. K. H. Brutton made an application for a rehearing of the charge, and at the Magistracy to-day the case was reopened. When charged on December 22 the men made statements mainly to the effect that they had stolen the rice in the boat; they did not know his name, and that the peas and nuts were swept into the boat. Mr. Brutton said that it appeared that the defendants and the boat were engaged by Lo Fo, of the Sui Wong Coolie Firm, on December 21. The *Triumph*, belonging to Messrs. Jensen and Co., had commenced to discharge rice, and these coolies and their boat had been engaged as cooks, or to assist in the work of unloading. It was the custom of firms to give to the coolies working on the ship a basket of rice for food, which was passed to the kitchen boat. The rice was given from seven different firms, to whom rice was consigned that was on board the *Triumph*. He would call six of the firms' coolies in support of his contention that the rice was given to the coolies for cooking purposes. The nuts were given to the defendants by Leung Chok Chow, commander of the *Triumph*.—Lo Fo gave evidence to the effect that he engaged the defendants and their boat, together with 70 other coolies, to assist in the unloading of the rice on the *Triumph*, and that he had often seen the coolies representing the different firms give coolies in their employ rice for food.—His Worship remanded the further hearing until December 22, at 11.30 a.m., bail in \$50 each being allowed.

TELEGRAMS.

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AFTER ANOTHER LOAN.

RUSSIA WANTS £20,000,000.

Sounding the Berlin Market.

LOVON, December 19.

The Berlin *Tagblatt* says that it is stated in financial circles in St. Petersburg that the Russian Government is sounding the Berlin Market with a view to floating a loan of £20,000,000 sterling.

[Russia quite recently failed to float a loan in New York.—Ed., C.M.]

[RUETER'S SERVICE.]

WAR RISKS.

LONDON, December 22.

The rate on war risks at Lloyds is now forty guineas per centum.

THE WAR CLOUD.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Nagasaki writes that the Government has given notice that they will require all the dry docks in the country for the fleet. The war-ships have begun docking and cleaning in turn.

There is a more hopeful feeling regarding the Far East prevalent in the best informed circles in Japan.

London has not received any information indicating that war is imminent, although it is undeniable that the situation continues grave and is affecting trade to some extent.

Nothing is known about the reports that the Japanese in England have been warned to be in readiness to return home.

[There are nine private docks in Japan and at least one ship capable of taking third class cruises, besides important engine shops at Yokohama, Nagasaki, and Uraga. The engine shops at Uraga, which is 20 miles from Yokohama, are exceptionally good. At Yokohama, Uraga and Nagasaki there are docks capable of taking any warships in the Far East. The dock at Uraga, in the inland sea, was opened only the other day. It is a medium-sized dock. In addition to the nine private docks there are three Admiralty docks, and both at Sasebo and Kure there are two floating docks for the repair of torpedo boat destroyers. Opposed to Japan's facilities Russia has only one dock in the East, that being a dry one at Port Arthur. Following is a list of Japan's docks: Private—Yokohama 2, Uraga 2, Kobe 2 and 1 ship, Nagasaki 2, and Bingso 1. Admiralty—Yokohama 1, Sasebo 1 and Kure 2.—Ed., C.M.]

Football.
The V.R.C.F.C. will play the Sherwood Foresters on Saturday, 26th inst., at 4 p.m., at Causeway Bay.

Sir F. Swettenham's Resignation.
The *Singapore Free Press* attributes the resignation of Sir Frank Swettenham of the Governorship of the Straits Settlements to ill-health. Sir C. A. Molony, Governor of Trinidad, and Sir H. E. McCallum, of Natal, are mentioned as possible successors.

Assaulting a Constable.
A man named Hackney, who described himself as an American, was charged at the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, with assaulting Police Constable 37 by striking him in the mouth. It appeared that the Constable remonstrated with the accused for some offence, and the accused turned to walk away. As he did so, he struck the Constable with the back of his hand, knocking one tooth out and lacerating another. He was fined \$5, and ordered to pay \$15 compensation.

A Precocious Youth.
A rather precocious youth has been discovered in Bangkok. A pawnbroker was proceeded against for taking a necklace from a boy 12 years of age. The boy gave the following evidence, which will show that in Bangkok they commence to commit sin early.—Chin Chye deposed that he picked up the necklace in the Talat Noi gambling house lane, and having pawned it, gambled all the money away. If he had won he should have bought things for himself, clothing, etc. He was brought before the British Court, charged with stealing the necklace, and was sentenced to 10 strokes.

A London schoolmaster, having requested each of his class of lads to 'bring in three items of information about the Thames that they could prove to be facts, received from one bright boy the following:—'I have lived here! I have sailed over it. I have fallen into it. These are facts about the Thames.'

Sore Muscles.
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CORRESPONDENCE.

'UNDESIRABLES.'

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

SIR,—On the 14th December, the Legislative Council of Hongkong met, and amongst the many things they discussed, one was, the law referring to the introduction of 'Undesirables' into the Colony; and, although the law has not been passed, it being only under discussion, yet the tendency of the majority of members pointed to its passage through the Chamber without any great opposition.

It is a well-known fact, that for the last ten years Hongkong has been made the dumping ground for all undesirable members of Society from all parts within reasonable reach. The reason for this is not far to seek when you consider the leniency of the law on the matter. This being a matter, however, that I am not competent to discuss, I will simply pass it over by stating that I do not think the law now under consideration will in any way remedy this state of affairs. It simply removes the responsibility of keeping Hongkong clear of these people from the Government's shoulders to that of the Ship-Owner's, and this without giving them any adequate protection against imposition, or any assistance in carrying it out.

What is an 'Undesirable'? How are the Agents or Master of a steamer to distinguish them?

In the writer's own experience, the greatest 'Undesirables' that have come to an Austrian Jew, who travelled first class, talked in large sums of money, set up in business with a flourish of trumpets, bewildered several well-known firms, not excluding the British Government; went bankrupt, and was deported—*all this in the space of six months.*

I will here give three illustrations that have actually occurred on board the ship of which I am Master, within the last six months, showing how very difficult it will be to determine who are 'Undesirables,' that is before they have committed themselves in some way. The last case is more to show how very difficult it is to deal with one of these cases when they are known to be 'Undesirables' within the meaning of the Law.

1st—Left Shanghai, amongst about 250 deck passengers, noticed four Europeans. On enquiry, found them to be four seamen paid off by mutual consent from their ship in Shanghai in the possession of property valued at £100 each. They conducted themselves orderly, and were respectfully dressed. On arrival in Hongkong they disembarked with the other passengers. The evening of 7.30 I observed two of these men drunk and disorderly and acting as leeches in the Queen's Road.

Were these men 'Undesirables' in the meaning of the Law, and was the ship to be held responsible for them; and for what reason could I have refused them a passage leaving Shanghai, even suppose I had known they were on board?

2nd—Shanghai, ten minutes before departure of steamer, British Municipal Policeman, accompanied by two specially dressed men and luggage; policeman conversant with just enough English to inform Chief-Officer 'Frenchman, go Hongkong,' and produces a deck ticket by Co. A seaman, Shanghai, 'Frenchman' turns out to be a Turk, on his way from Tientsin to Constantinople and during stay in Shanghai came into collision with French Municipal Police. (All this was not found out till afterwards.) This man was orderly and behaved himself in the most courteous, and two days after arrival in Hongkong proceeded on to Calcutta. Was this man an 'Undesirable' within the meaning of the Law?

3rd—Shanghai again. Ten minutes before departure of steamer, British Municipal Policeman, and two respectable Chinese coolies; Criminal 'write large' all over their faces. Deportees just finished a term of imprisonment, reminder of sentence, deportees being carried out. Placed on board for passage to Canton, with two Company's deck-tickets; Policeman remains on board till last moment to see that they do not get ashore again. Twelve hours after leaving Shanghai, the deportees before Master, having been caught in the act of pilfering passenger luggage in between decks. Placed in confinement. Arrive Hongkong. Hand them over to Police for punishment. Policeman states that as the crime was not committed within the waters of Co. A, and that the deportees have no stolen property in their possession, they cannot be charged; advise master to go to Harbour Office and see if he can have them dealt with under the Merchant Service Amusement Act. Walk them to Harbour Office, and see the Harbour Master (since retired). Harbour Master states that they do not come under the M. S. A. Act, that Police are in the wrong, and must deal with them; advises visit to Central Police Station, and see Capt. Superintendent. Tedious journey to Central Police Station. (This isn't Punch). Capt. Superintendent substantiates statement of Policeman at original station, and states that the deportees must not be dealt with the case, he is sure that he cannot; he is very sorry, but there is nothing to be done; all he can do, is to give authority to keep them in confinement, while in the waters of the Colony.

There is no doubt that these men were 'Undesirables'; but could the Master have refused them a passage seeing that they had one of the Co. A's tickets. It may be said that the Co. A. agent had no business to have given them the tickets. But in the large Coast Co. A. deck tickets are sold from the Chinese Comptroller's Office, where there is no European supervision, only the number sold, and the amount collected being accounted for. Besides when a prisoner has to be deported, the respective Police Stations simply send a coolie with a chit-book, and amount of passage money to Steamer Office, requesting a book passage in such and such a steamer.

I would suggest that the way to deal with the question would be. The Shipping Companies to only sell tickets having printed on them the conditions under which their passengers enter the Colony. The possession of this ticket would be tantamount to a declaration by the party that there is nothing against their landing legally in the Colony.

Then if they come under the notice of the Police, within any time, the Government shall punish them in such a manner as to create some doubt in their mind as to the advantage of Hongkong as a place of resort. (Under this law, any 'dead-beat' could be taken up on sight, because he must either have infringed the conditions of the passenger ticket, or be a stowaway.

Anyhow it is a matter that requires a great deal of consideration and ought to be discussed from all sides, before any decision is come to.

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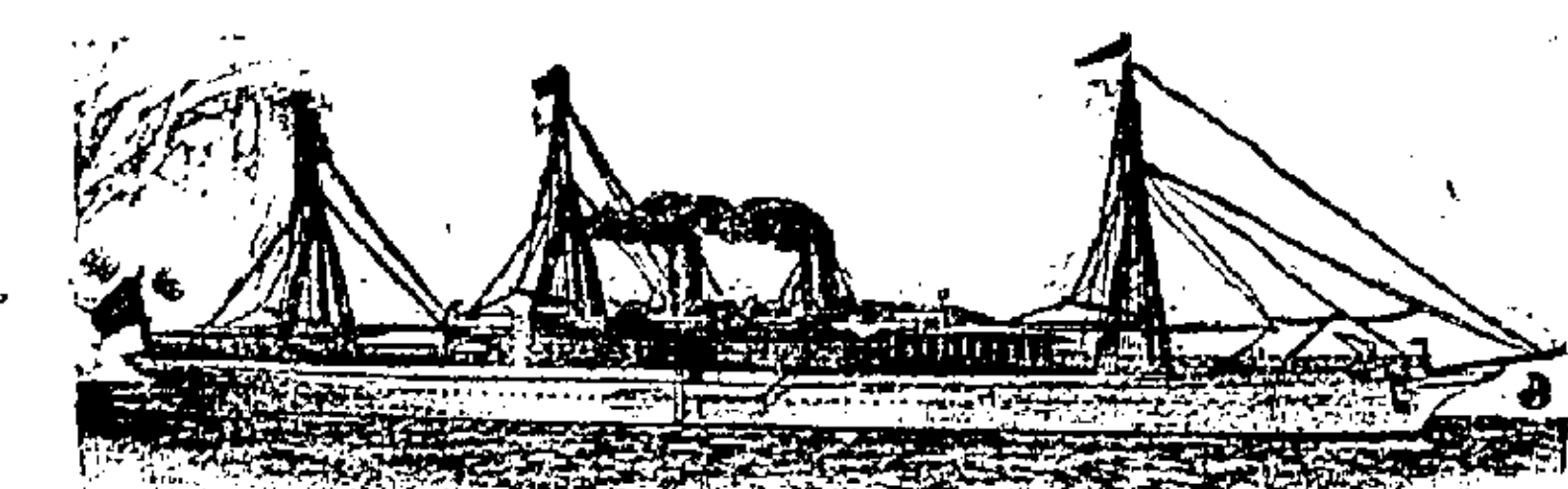
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	21st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YVES	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP.	DARDANUS	5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP.	YANOTSE	19th January.
LIVERPOOL, with TRANSHIPMENT	YANOTSE	19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	26th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL.	KENTUCK	16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KENTUCK	16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOVENS	1st March.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and	TYDEUS	29th December.
ALL PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via	PINKNEY	24th January.
NKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, December 23, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	Yochow	28th December.
MANILA	Kaifong	30th December.
MANILA	Chingtu	30th December.
PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Chingtu	30th December.
Kobe	Taiwan	1st January.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
KIAUTSCHOU	Wednesday, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	Wednesday, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	Wednesday, 3rd Feb.
GERA	Wednesday, 17th Feb.
SEIDLITZ	Wednesday, 2nd Mar.
PRUSSEN	Wednesday, 16th Mar.
RUON	Wednesday, 30th Mar.
HAMBURG	Wednesday, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday, 27th April.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship

KIAUTSCHOU, of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain BEHNKE, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above,

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The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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VIA

SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail.
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VICTORIA	3502	J. Truebridge	December 30.
LYRA	4417	J. V. William	January 20.
OSYMA	2337	A. Dixon	February 11.
SHAWMUT	2837	W. M. Smith	February 11.
TACOMA	2812	M. Ridley	February 26.
VICTORIA	3502	J. Truebridge	March 16.

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NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

named—

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI AND KOBE	Matson	About 26th December.	Freight only.
YAMA, Via SHAI, MOI, KOBE (passing through the INLAND SEA).	W. H. S. HALL	About 28th December.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	E. G. Andrews	About 2nd January.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Bengal	2nd January.	Freight and Passage.
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	G. Phillips	2nd January.	Freight only.
	Singha	2nd January.	Freight only.
	F. R. Summers	2nd January.	Freight only.
	Tientsin	2nd January.	Freight only.
	H. W. Kewick, R.N.	2nd January.	Freight only.

* Calling at PENANG if sufficient inducement offers.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, December 22, 1903.

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Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	Dec. 26, at 10 a.m.
ZAFRO	2540	R. Hodger	Manila Direct	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Noley		

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General Managers.

Hongkong, December 19, 1903.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	ANPING MARU,	SUNDAY, 27th December, 1903.
TAMSHUI, Via SWATOW, AND AMOY.	DAIJIN MARU,	TUESDAY, 29th December, 1903.
ANPING, Via SWATOW, AND AMOY.	T. Oota,	SUNDAY, 3rd January, 1904.
TAMSHUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	MAIZURU MARU,	TUESDAY, 5th January, 1904.
	T. Sato,	
	DAIGI MARU,	
	T. W. Groves,	

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T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 24, 1903.

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HEAD AGENT—R. BISSCHOP, 3, DUBBEL STREET, HONGKONG.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS.	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
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TOIPANAS	JAVA PORTS	January 10	SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	Jan. 12.
TOIJATJAP	MAOASSAR, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	Second half of December	JAVA PORTS AND MAOASSAR.	Second half of Dec.
TOIJAH	Do.	First half of January	Do.	First half of January.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands, India on through Bills.

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